GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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HELICOPTER SERVICES IN STATES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has given permission to the North-Eastern States particularly Nagaland, for operating helicopter services within their States;

(b) if so, the details and modalities thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to extend the helicopter service to other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d) :- The Government has decided that the Ministry of Home Affairs would provide subsidy to the Government of Nagaland for operations of helicopter services in the state on the pattern of subisidy similar to other North Eastern states.At present helciopter services are being operated by Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura and Sikkim in the North East region, while M/s. Jagson Airlines operates helicopter services to Arunachal Pradesh only.

Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. provides helicopters on wet lease basis to the state Government/Government Agencies/ Private parties etc. as per their requirement.

Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. has submitted a proposal to the State Government of Nagaland for operating helicopter services. Government has issued Non-Scheduled Operators permit to several private companies to operate Helicopter services in the country as per their business plan.